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- 3. An English language Abstract of one or more non-English language reference is attached. See Reference(s) 1-3.
- 4. A computer-generated English language translation of one or more Japanese Patent Publication cited herein has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 1-3.

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APPENDIX



Document Number	Publication Date	Brief Explanation or Page(s) & Line(s) of Related Part(s)
JP5-302508A	November 16, 1993	NOx absorbent 21 having a NOx absorbing layer thereon is arranged in series in an engine exhaust passage downstream of a zeolite group NOx catalyst 18.
JP2001-840A	January 9, 2001	A catalyst having at least rhodium Rh is arranged in an engine exhaust passage. Reducing agent is periodically fed into an exhaust gas flowing into the catalyst to restore the oxygen poisoning of rhodium Rh.
JP2001-107720A	April 17, 2001	A catalyst having a NOx absorber and noble metal thereon is arranged in an engine exhaust passage. When NOx absorbed in the NOx absorber should be released and reduced, solid reducing agent is fed into an exhaust gas flowing into the catalyst without changing the air-fuel ratio from lean to rich. At this time, oxygen poisoning of the catalyst is restored.